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SUBJ: POSTPONEMENT OF ABU DHABI DECREE ON USE OF ARABIC LANGUAGE
IN GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS.

REF: ABU DHABI 675

1. ABU DHABI EXECUTIVE COUNCIL'S CIRCULAR PUBLISHED IN THE OFFICIAL GAZETTZ ISSUE OF MAY 1, 78 HAS POSTPONED DECREE ON USE OF ARABIC LANGUAGE IN GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS. NEW CIRCULAR ESTABLISHES A COMMITTEE OF SIX FROM LOCAL DEPARTMENTS TO PREPARE AND SPECIFY GENERAL CONDITIONS AND NATURE OF CONTRACTS REQUIRED TO BE IN ARABIC.
 2. COMMITTEE WILL APPOINT A CONSULTANT AND SUBMIT PROPOSALS TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL WITHIN SIX MONTHS PERIOD. EVENTUAL RULING WILL APPLY ONLY TO THE EMIRATE OF ABU DHABI AS REPORTED IN REFTEL.
 3. EMBASSY COMMENT: WE ASSUME THAT A DECREE WILL BE ISSUED SOMETIME AFTER SIX MONTH PERIOD WHICH WILL REQUIRE ARABIC LANGUAGE CONTRACTS IN MOST AREAS. TECHNICALLY ORIENTED CONTRACTS MAY WELL BE EXCEPTIONALLY TREATED.
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